

The refrigeration companies Vestfrost and Danfoss participated in Solar-chill's development phase. The Solar chill technology does not use any ozone depleting or potent global warming substances. It stores energy in ice packs and eliminates the use of storage batteries.

The benefits of the unit with respect to presently available solar powered vaccine refrigerators will be known after the reports on the field trials of the unit are available.

Independent systems operators for transmission sector

1264. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of Secretaries comprising the finance, economic affairs and power secretaries discussed the Ministry's proposal for an Independent Systems Operator (ISO) in the transmission sector;

(b) if so, whether ISO is envisaged to be the centralized operator controlling the power transmission systems in the country;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) the number of recommendations accepted by Government; and

(e) the steps Government have taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) The recommendations of Committee of Secretaries are secret in nature.

In accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003, the National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) and the Regional Load Despatch Centres (RLDCs) shall be operated by a Government company or any Authority or corporation established or constituted by or under any Central Act, as may be notified by the Central Government. The Act also provides that until such a Government company or authority or Corporation is notified by the Central Government, the Central Transmission Utility (CTU) shall operate the RLDCs. As no other Government Company or authority or Corporation has been notified by the Central Government for operation of RLDCs, PGCIL, as the CTU, continues to operate the RLDCs for the present.